(c) what steps are being taken by BSF to prevent deployment of same personnel at outpost over a long tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nabbed Dy. Commandant was not posted at any border outpost but at Sector Headquarters BSF at Gurdaspur (Punjab) since July, 2001, where normal tenure of posting is three years. Investigation in this case is still in progress with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

(c) BSF Battalions remain deployed at a particular location for three years. Location of the companies of a deployed Battalion is generally changed in a yearly cycle and personnel within the company are also shifted after few months from one location to another.

Setting up of unified command to counter naxalism

2126. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a unified command to counter naxalite problem; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extremists operating in the country

2127. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many groups of extremists are in operation at present all over the country;

(b) what about their hide-outs;

(c) what steps Government contemplated to dislodge their hide-outs, inland or abroad; and

(d) how many extremists have so far surrendered their arms during last three years and turned to normal life?